

**BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

In the Matter of the Revocation	)	
	)	
or Suspension of the Educator	)	<b>ORDER OF SUSPENSION</b>
	)	<b>(BREACH OF CONTRACT)</b>
Certificate of Angela K. Saenz,	)	
	)	
Certificate 201345	)	

**SUMMARY OF THE CASE**

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on December 11, 2007. On November 8, 2007, the Office of Educator Certification sent Angela K. Saenz notice of her right to a hearing regarding the possible suspension of her South Carolina educator certificate by regular and certified mail, return receipt requested, delivery restricted to addressee. On November 9, 2007, Ms. Saenz received the notice as evidenced by a postal receipt bearing her signature. Ms. Saenz did not request a hearing within the time frame specified in the notice letter. After considering the information presented by the South Carolina Department of Education (Department), the State Board voted to suspend the professional educator certificate of Ms. Saenz for one year.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

Ms. Saenz holds a valid South Carolina educator certificate and has over seven years of teaching experience. On April 24, 2007, Ms. Saenz signed a contract for professional service with the Greenville County School District (District) for the 2007-2008 school year. She was assigned as a preschool behavior teacher at Pelham Road Elementary School. On August 27, 2007, Ms. Saenz submitted a letter to her supervisor resigning from her position. The District notified Ms. Saenz by letter dated September 14, 2007, that her resignation did not meet Board policy and that a one year suspension of her professional educator certificate would be recommended to the Department. On September 25, 2007, the Board of Trustees

for the District voted to recommend the suspension of Ms. Saenz's professional educator certificate for breach of contract with the District.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

The State Board may suspend the certificate of any person for unprofessional conduct. S.C. Code Ann. §§ 59-25-150 and 160 (2004). Breach of contract is deemed to be unprofessional conduct. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2004); 24 S.C. Code Regs. 43-58 (1992). The State Board finds that there is sufficient information supporting its conclusion that Angela K. Saenz breached her contract with the Greenville County School District, warranting the suspension of her certificate for a period of one year, through December 10, 2008. Should Ms. Saenz wish to have her certificate reinstated at the end of the suspension period, she may make a written request for reinstatement to the Department's Office of Educator Certification.

South Carolina State Board of Education

By:   
John E. Tindal, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina  
December 11, 2007